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NUMBERS

ATTORNEY'S OFFICE..... 264-2640

BUSINESS LICENSING 264-2676

CITY COUNCIL OFFICE..... 264-2603

FINANCE..... 264-2606

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Administrative Office 264-2781
Non-Emergency Dispatch.... 840-4000

GENERAL INFO 264-2525

HUMAN RESOURCES..... 264-2656

LIBRARY 264-2580

MAYOR'S OFFICE 264-2600

MUNICIPAL COURT..... 284-4280

MURRAY MUSEUM 264-2589

PARKS AND RECREATION
Administrative Office 264-2614
City Cemetery..... 264-2637
Heritage Center..... 264-2635
(Senior Center)
Lynn F. Pett Murray Parkway
Golf Course 262-4653
Park Center
(Recreation Center)..... 284-4200
Rain-out Information 264-2525

SEASONAL
Murray Park Outdoor Pool ... 266-9321
Murray Outdoor Ice Rink 264-2524

POLICE
Administrative Office 264-2673
Animal Control 264-2671
Code Enforcement 264-2562
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POWER
Administrative Office 264-2730
After Hours Emergency 264-9669

PUBLIC SERVICES
Administrative Office 270-2400
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Building Inspection 270-2431
Planning and Zoning..... 270-2420
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Trailers..... 270-2440
Water, Sewer, Streets..... 270-2440
Zoning Enforcement..... 270-2426

SCHOOL DISTRICTS
Granite School District..... 685-5000
Murray School District..... 264-7400

UTILITIES
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MURRAY CITY UPDATE

Mayor Snarr’s message October 2008

I get a good share of calls to my office from people who need help. Their concerns range from neighborhood issues, to knowing who can respond to a specific question, and to ideas they would like to see considered for our community. My staff and I listen to each and offer direction as we can. We also get calls from various groups, including Scouts, looking for projects they can undertake to improve our City. I am always happy to provide input and get them matched with needs we have.

This year we have had many who have made great efforts to share their talents and time to give back to the City. Some of these people might inspire you as you think of how you could help.

MAYOR’S OFFICE

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One day a woman called and wondered why we were not doing a better job of keeping the litter picked up around Willow Pond. After explaining to her what we try to do with the limited number of employees we have, she volunteered to spend some time with her children helping to clean up the area. I appreciated her example of service, not just in teaching her children, but also to her neighbors and those using the park.

We have an amazing group of youth in our City. They are associated with our schools, the Boys and Girls Club, Scouts, and countless others. One group that stands out as an outstanding service organization is the Murray Youth Chamber and City Council (MYCC). The MYCC is always serving! They recently put together and manned a booth at the Salt Lake County Fair featuring many of the wonderful things about Murray. They were rewarded with a ribbon for the best city display. With all the demands on their time these young people have, I am proud of them for being willing to take on projects like this to showcase their talents and give back to our City.

There are also many outstanding service groups in the City. Notably, the Rotary Club, who recently completed a huge collaborative project along the Little Cottonwood Creek running between State Street and Vine. This portion of the creek had been left unattended for many years. Gerald Summerhays lead the effort and pulled together resources from Scout groups, many different churches, the Boys and Girls Club, Chamber of Commerce, MYCC, Intermountain Medical, Exchange Club, Salt Lake County, Murray Parks and Recreation, Murray Public Services, Murray City Arborists, and the Rotary Club associated with Murray High. It was truly a major effort that resulted in a big difference! If you take the opportunity to walk this stretch of the creek, you will be amazed at the beauty they uncovered.

These examples are only a few of many others that help make our City a better place. When we each do a little, it can help a lot. My sincere thanks to these groups and others who, through their efforts, help a lot.

Daniel C. Snarr

Council Message

It is no secret that the economy is challenging every-one’s budgets. Local cities are no exception. Murray gets most of its revenue from sales taxes. Only about 13% comes from property taxes. As people watch their spending, the cities feel that impact in reduced sales tax revenue.

Another source of financial stress is in energy costs. During the last four years the state has seen a 117% increase in fuel costs. This impacts the city’s budget as well. Our police and fire departments, as well as the power department, have seen dramatic increases in fuel costs. While we contract for garbage services, the contractor is seeing an increase in fuel costs, which eventually gets passed on to the city in some form.

The cost for wholesale power is also increasing. Natural gas from the intermountain area can now be piped to other markets. This in turn causes the price for natural gas to rise to levels found in the Midwest and east coast. Many power plants are switching to natural gas from coal, and that impacts the rates we pay for wholesale power.

Even in the midst of all of the increases, it’s not all bad news. In Murray we are looking at ways in which we

can soften the economic downturn to our citizens. We are currently exploring a switch to more efficient vehicles. In some cases, changing to natural gas makes sense. We have a natural gas fueling station in Murray, and the current cost is \$0.84 per gallon. If we can cut our fuel costs by 10%, the cumulative savings is impressive. We are also looking at ways to cut energy costs in our buildings. More efficient lighting is an easy way to save power and money. Along with savings through more efficient use of what we have, we can also defer projects that don’t need immediate attention. Some projects have turned out to be much more costly than the original estimates, as again, many raw material costs have increased dramatically. We are watching carefully to see if the slow-down brings those costs down. Where we can, we will wait and rebid projects in hopes of saving money.

If we can stretch our dollars further, we can avoid much of the financial stress. Be assured that your City Council is watching revenue closely, and managing expenses accordingly. As we do these things conscientiously, Murray will weather the current economic downturn with minimal impact.

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MONEY SAVING GAS TIPS

How you drive and maintain your vehicle can either increase or decrease your vehicle's fuel efficiency and your gas costs. Here are some tips to help you save money on fuel:

- Turn down the air – Operating the air conditioner on ‘Max’ can reduce MPG by 5-25% compared to not using it.
- Avoid carrying items on your vehicles roof. A loaded roof rack or carrier increases weight and drag, which can cut mileage by 5%.
- Decrease your speed – Gas mileage usually decreases rapidly above 60mph. Each five miles per hour over 60 is like paying an additional 20 cents per gallon.
- Using cruise control will cut fuel consumption by maintaining a steady speed during highway driving.

Public Services
Road work

UTA is doing major work in the vicinity of Winchester and 6500 South to accommodate the new Mid-Jordan Line. If you have questions, call their toll-free hotline at (888) 550-2211.

Water Check-up

With cooler weather upon us, it’s important to prepare your water system for winter and give it a check-up. Every spring we discover a number of water fixtures and lines broken by frost over the winter. Check your outside hose bibs for leaks and as you turn off your irrigation system, be sure to close stop and waste valves completely. Make sure the water lines to evaporative coolers are turned off and drained. This is also a good time to check inside for drips and leaks, as well as to make sure your toilets are working properly and shutting off. Remember the water used from November through March will determine your monthly sewer bill for the next entire year. A water check-up now could save on both your water and sewer bills.

Leaf Disposal

It is that time of year to take care of your falling leaves. We want to remind you to not blow leaves into the street because street sweeper trucks cannot pick up piles left in roadways. Leaf piles or large numbers of leaves left in the street are the responsibility of the property owner to clean up. We ask you and your neighbors to help in keeping the storm drains clean so they will work correctly when you need them to minimize flooding in your neighborhood. Remember to bag and dispose of leaves properly. A leaf drop-off area has been designated in the main parking area at Murray Park, just east of the Park Center. This site is for bagged leaves only. Please do not bring tree limbs or other yard debris to this location. The area will be open from October 25th to Christmas.

Snow Removal

Snow fall is not too far away. Crews will be working hard to clear the roads and make your travel as safe as possible. You can assist us in getting your road clear by keeping all parked vehicles, boats, trailers or other personal property off the street both during and after a storm.

Public Services 270-2440

Heritage Center
Oktoberfest

The Heritage Center Oktoberfest will be held on Tuesday, October 14, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 and includes a German-Style meal, pretzels and root beer. Entertainment will be provided by everyone’s favorite German band, The Salzberger Echo. Tickets are currently on sale and reserved seating is available. Singing and costumes are encouraged. Make reservations early and bring your friends to this fall festival of music, food and friendship.



Fall Boutique
Friday, October 17
from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Center is looking for vendors to participate in our annual Fall Boutique. If you have crafts you are interested in selling, applications and guidelines can be picked up at the front desk. This is a fund raising event for the Center.

Flu Shots

Salt Lake County Aging Services will provide flu shots this season. No pneumonia shots or boosters will be offered this year. Dates and times are as follows:
October 28, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
November 5, 9:00 a.m. – noon
Please remember to bring your Medicare Card with you. In order for Medicare to pay for the shot, you must carry Medicare Part B. If you do not have Medicare, the suggested donation is \$20 for the flu shot. If you have questions about insurance cards please call the Center at 264-2635.

Halloween Party
Friday, October 31 at 10:30 a.m.

The festivities will include a pumpkin decorating contest and Holly Robison’s story telling. Don’t forget to dress up. Prizes will be awarded for best costume. Make sure to make your lunch reservation by 12:30 p.m. on October 30. Lunch is \$3. No charge for the Halloween fun! After lunch, stay for a special Halloween Bingo starting at 12:45 p.m.



The Heritage Center is located at #10 West and 6150 South. Call 284-4240 for more information.

TREASURER

Murray City Utility Relief Program

Over the years some of our residents have struggled to pay for their basic utilities. The City has developed a program that will allow some relief from utility bills as well as the new storm water bill. This will be in addition to the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAT). This will be a one time payment each winter season, November to March, based on qualifications for each applicant.

Individuals or families must qualify first with HEAT. Once qualified, they are required to bring in their verification form (pink) to the Utility Billing Department at 5025 S. State Street, room 118. Murray City will award each applicant based on the total amount qualified for with the HEAT Program.

If you have questions, please call Murray City Utility Billing at 264-2626. To apply for the HEAT Program, call 521-6107.

Police

Citizens’ Academy

The Murray City Police Department will be sponsoring another session of the Citizens’ Academy which will begin on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 starting at 6:00 p.m. Classes will be held at the Police Training Center located at 136 West Vine Street. This program is offered free of charge. Participants must either work or live in Murray City.

The Citizens’ Academy is a ten week program designed to provide citizens with a working knowledge of the operations, practices and management of the police department. Students will learn about the service weapon carried

by Murray Officers, traffic stops, drunk driving arrests and domestic violence. Other topics will include homicide investigation, gathering evidence, media relations and use of force. There will be a hands-on training in addition to classroom instruction.

The Citizens’ Academy culminates with a dinner where students are presented with a certificate and shirt with the Citizens’ Academy logo embroidered on it.

Two sessions of the Academy are planned each year. Applications are being accepted at this time and are available at the police department. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must agree to a background check.



Please contact Officer Meg Rowland at 652-9839 with any questions.

ACCESS TO AGENDAS OF MEETINGS OF THE
MURRAY CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Did you know that agendas...

- Are posted in marquees in City Hall at 5025 S. State Street;
- Are posted on the City’s web site at www.murray.utah.gov;
- Are faxed to anyone who requests;
- Are sent by e-mail to those who request and provide an e-mail address;
- Are available on a recorded telephone message at 264-2525;
- Are broadcast on Valley TV 17 in advance of the meeting; and
- Can be picked up weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Council Office, Room 112, in City Hall, 5025 S. State Street

Need more information? Call the Council Office at 264-2603.

Murray City Seeks
Large Christmas Tree

Murray City is seeking a large spruce tree for use as the outdoor Christmas tree in front of City Hall. The tree must be a healthy spruce, at least 30 feet tall, 15 to 25 feet wide at the base, straight and symmetrical. Only trees located in Murray and the Salt Lake County area will be considered. All offers will be inspected and the best tree for the purpose will be chosen. In exchange for the donated tree, the Murray City Power’s Forestry Division will remove the tree and grind the stump free of charge. If you are interested in donating a tree, please respond by November 1, 2008. Contact Michelle at 264-2729 for information regarding this offer.



Murray City’s Christmas tree and the tree lighting ceremony are sponsored by Murray City Power and the Murray Shade Tree and Beautification Commission.



Murray City Power’s Forestry Division crew placing donated spruce tree in front of Murray City Hall.

Suicide support group meets at the Boys and Girls Club



Two riders who participated in the first annual Memory Bike Ride to raise awareness and funds for suicide prevention. The ride ended at the Murray Boys and Girl Club.

By Erin McShay

“Suicide rates in Utah are higher than the national rates,” the Utah Department of Health reports on its website. “Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Utahns age 15-44 and youth suicide trends are on the rise.”

Janet Moore, a victims advocate with the Midvale Police Department, was alarmed by this growing statistic and the fact that there were no support groups anywhere for families and friends impacted by suicide.

Moore started the Midvale Suicide Intervention Coalition last year and the group held the first annual Memory Bike Ride to raise funds and help support families struck by this tragedy. The ride started at the Midvale Boys and Girls Club, then went through Parley’s Canyon to Heber, and down to Provo Canyon, and ended at the Murray Boys and Girls Club.

“I work on the scene to try to help intervene after traumas and saw families had nowhere to go for help,” said Moore.

Moore also started an on-going support group that is open to the public and free of charge to anyone of any age who’s

had to deal with the heartbreak of suicide. The group meets every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of South Valley’s Teen Center, at 244 E. Myrtle Ave. in Murray. Moore and Helen Rollins, an RN who specializes in grief therapy, facilitate the group.

“Part of my job is to address grief for those impacted by suicide,” said Rollins. “Our group is always open to new members and old ones who want to return.”

Moore was also upset by the lack of educational information available to hand out to victims. She came across a set of educational videos on suicide, alcoholism, bullying, teen dating, teen pregnancy and depression. They are videos made by teens for teens.

“I want to build this library so any teacher in any school district or club who want to do a presentation can use them,” said Moore. “You can talk to teens till you’re blue in the face, but what’s different is these video have teens talking to teens.”

Moore hopes to have two sets of videos in place by the first of the year and needs to raise \$2,400.

Murray grandma ‘dolls up’ gifts to her 27 great-granddaughters



Murray resident Ethel Ashby sent 27 restored Barbie dolls and clothes to her great-granddaughters. The job took her all summer to complete.

By Erin McShay

Lifetime Murray resident Ethel Ashby has created a legacy to pass down to her six children and 27 grandchildren. She’s written music, poetry and a biography about her parents who immigrated from Europe, but perhaps her most memorable act is sending her 27 great-granddaughters each a restored Barbie doll with homemade clothes.

“My husband died seven years ago, so it gives me something to do with my time,” said Ashby, who is 81 years old.

Ashby’s legacy includes 130 songs she’s written and recorded to DVD, which she’s given a copy of to each family. She also published a book called “Delicate Links,” about the lives of her parents. Her mother was from Switzerland and her father was from Denmark.

Several years ago, Ashby started fixing up old dolls and reselling them at a

West Valley Mall boutique. Back then she would pick them up at Value Village on State Street; but she now goes to Deseret Industries. She won second place at the state fair for a Barbie doll with a crocheted wedding dress.

Ashby’s great-granddaughters range in age from one month old to, “11 going on 16.” The 27 dresses took her all summer to restore and hand sew, five dresses for each doll, including two long and one short one. She said it feels “wonderful,” to be done.

“Making Barbie doll clothes is quite challenging,” she said. “The Barbie clothes are hard to make.”

Ashby makes her own patterns and uses scraps from her sewing. Ashby’s relatives live mostly in Utah, but one family lives as far as Florida.

“Now they’re saying, ‘What are you going to do for the boys,’” Ashby said.

Murray City Update

Parks and Recreation Halloween Writing Competition

Students in grades 3-12 and adults are encouraged to submit original Halloween poems, short stories (2 typewritten pages), and limericks to the Murray Parks Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21. The winning entries may be read at the Murray Haunted Trails held on October 27 and 28. If you are interested in telling a ghost story at this event, please contact Mary Ann at 264-2638.

Community Art Winter Season

The 2008-2009 season will kick off on Saturday, October 18 with Up With People, an international concert. You can purchase an art pass that provides entrance to a variety of community and school cultural performances. The season pass can be purchased at the Murray Parks Office for just \$39 for adults, \$34 for seniors, \$25 for students

or \$120 for a family pass for up to 6 members. Individual ticket prices vary for each show and can be purchased at the door. See the calendar for a listing of upcoming events.

Juried Art and Craft Show

The Arts and Crafts show featuring local artists is set for November 5-19 in the Murray Public Library at various times. A public reception is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. to acknowledge the art show winners.

Local artists residing in Murray are encouraged to submit entries in painting, graphics, photography, ceramics, woodwork and crafts on Saturday, November 1st between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Murray Library auditorium. Entry forms can be picked up at the Parks Office at 296 East Vine Street.



COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR	
October	
6-10	Red Ribbon Week
7	Council Meeting, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
14	Council Meeting, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
18	Exchange Club National Day of Service
18	Up with People international concert, Murray High School, 7:30 p.m.
25	Murray Symphony, Hillcrest Junior High, 7:30 p.m.
29	Meet the Candidates night, Murray High School, 6:30 p.m.
November	
1	Murray concert Band, Hillcrest Junior High, 7:30 p.m.
7	Council Meeting, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
13-17	Peter Pan, MHS, 7:00 p.m.
14	Council Meeting, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.
14-17	Into the Woods, Cottonwood High School, 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact the Murray City Parks and Recreation office at 264-2614